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My dear Mr. Graves:

The President has requested me to inform you that the Purple Heart has been awarded posthumously to your son, Corporal Frederick W. Graves, Infantry, who sacrificed his life in Korea.

The medal, which you will receive in a short time, is of slight intrinsic value, but rich with the tradition for which Americans have so gallantly given their lives ever since the days of George Washington, whose profile and coat of arms adorn the medal.

Little that we can do or say will console you for the loss of your loved one. He has gone, however, in honor and in the company of patriots. Let me, in communicating to you the country's gratitude, also express to you its admiration for his valor and devotion.

Sincerely yours,


Frank Pace, Jr.
Secretary of the Army

Mr. John S. Graves,
Bluffton, South Carolina.